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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Responsive to the Final Rejection dated March 28, 2006 for the above-identified patent application, the applicants hereby submit the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, and MPEP 706.07(h).

Verification of a proper RCE filing under MPEP 706.07(h), III (Initial Processing):

- (A) The present RCE is filed on September 28, 2006, which is after May 29, 2000.
- (B) The present application was filed on April 21, 2001, which is after June 8, 1995.
- (C) The present application is a utility application.
- (D) The present application is pending because the present RCE is filed after the Final Rejection was received but before a patent issued or became abandoned.
- (E) The prosecution in the present application is closed because the last Office Action was a Final Rejection.
- (F) The present RCE is filed before the payment of the issue fee.
- (G) The present RCE is accompanied by the proper fee(s), including the RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) of \$395.00, plus a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) of \$510.00 for a total fee of \$905.00.

(H) The present RCE includes a submission, as required by 37 CFR 1.114, in the form of an amendment to the claims, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c).

As explained under MPEP 706.07(h), III, D (Treatment of Proper RCE), “the applicant does not need to pay a fee for excess claims previously paid for prior to filing the RCE. Of course, new claims in excess of the number previously paid for, which are filed with the RCE or thereafter, will require payment of the appropriate fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16.” The applicant has not submitted any new claims in excess of those claims previously paid for before filing the RCE. Hence, no claim fee is required.

Since the present RCE, including the fee and the submission, is filed in a pending application before payment of the issue fee, a petition under 37 CFR 1.313 to withdraw the application from issue is not required, pursuant to MPEP 706.07(h), IX.

This request and amendment is filed on September 28, 2006, under the Certificate of Mailing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.18, within the three month shortened statutory period set for reply in the Final Rejection dated March 28, 2006 plus a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), which expires September 28, 2006, pursuant to MPEP 710.01(a).

The applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the finality of the Notice of Allowance, and enter and consider the present amendment.

Any inquiry related to this response should be communicated to Kevin D. Kaschke at the address and phone number, and as noted herein.

Respectfully submitted,
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